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As Pope recovers, police hunt for a plot

ROME, May 15 (Agencies) — Pope John Paul II, still in intensive care after Wednesday's assassination attempt, made steady progress today towards recovery, the latest medical bulletin said.

The recovery was characterised by a revolution of His Holiness's health. There are no signs of note in the clinical bulletin said.

The man who followed Pope to Vatican



Ali Agca, moments after his arrest

ALI AGCA, May 15 (R) — Mr. Agca is one of the most wanted of all gunmen and bombers who have emerged from the national terrorism before the military coup in Turkey.

Further surgery to make good the partial colostomy performed on Wednesday after one of three bullets that struck the Pope entered his abdomen.

Dr. Francesco Crucitti, head of diagnostic surgery at the hospital, said the Pope had asked to be kept informed about the condition of the two American women tourists who were hit by stray bullets in the attack.

Meanwhile, West Germany today countered accusations that it could have pre-empted the assassination attempt on the Pope by extraditing Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish extremist charged with the shooting.

An interior ministry spokesman in Bonn said security forces did not establish that Mr. Agca was living in West Germany before he went to Rome.

Yugoslavia gets a new president

BELGRADE, May 15 (R) — Mr. Srdjan Karadzic today became president of Yugoslavia in succession to Mr. Cvijetin Mijatovic, who ended his one-year term at the head of the country's nine-man collective state presidency.

Welcome for a veteran



His Majesty King Hussein embraces a veteran of the badia (desert) police force at a ceremony in Amman Thursday marking the 50th anniversary of the force's creation.

WHO compromises on shifting Cairo base

GENEVA, May 15 (R) — The World Health Organisation (WHO) today postponed action on Arab demands that its regional office be transferred from Egypt to Jordan because Cairo had signed a peace treaty with Israel.

A compromise resolution worked out in behind-the-scenes negotiations during the WHO annual assembly said there was agreement to "initiate action" on the move.

Survey finds Pakistan closer to 'Islamic bomb'

LONDON, May 15 (R) — Western and Asian fears that Pakistan might soon possess a nuclear bomb were revived last year by reports that it had secretly resumed building a plutonium reprocessing plant, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

Botha, Reagan meet

WASHINGTON, May 15 (R) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan met South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha today as prospects seemed somewhat brighter for diplomatic progress towards an independence settlement in Namibia (South West Africa).

'Time running out' -- Haig, Habib, Begin confer; Syria 'ready to fight'

TEL AVIV, May 15 (Agencies) — American envoy Philip Habib declared it was ready for battle if Israel choose military action in held a second round of talks the crisis over Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in Lebanon.

Mr. Habib, whose presence in the area was regarded as a deterrent to armed conflict, was to spend tonight in Tel Aviv. Israel Radio said later Mr. Habib would fly to Riyadh tomorrow morning for talks with Saudi Arabian leaders on the Lebanese crisis and from there would continue to Damascus.

Mr. Habib returned to Israel ahead of schedule yesterday, bringing word of the adamant stand being taken by Syrian President Hafez Al Assad.

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Syria's government-controlled newspapers, meanwhile, published a tough-talking interview with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, who said Moscow was "firmly by Syria's side in this matter and we are grateful for the Soviet Union and its support."

Mr. Begin's Lebanon policy appeared to be spreading in the supercharged political atmosphere leading up to the June 30 national election. The opposition Labour Party charges that Mr. Begin has overstated the case for supporting Lebanon's rightists, though Labour agrees that Syria must remove the missiles, which are seen in Israel as breaking an unwritten agreement admitting Israeli air superiority in Lebanon.

Mr. Botha saw the president a day after the foreign minister appeared to give a positive reception to new U.S.-backed proposals for a Namibian independence plan.

The United States and other Western countries seeking to end guerrilla warfare over Namibia, now ruled by South Africa, are trying to modify a United Nations-endorsed settlement plan by providing constitutional guarantees for the white minority before elections are held.

125 Iranians die in action, Iraqis say

BEIRUT, May 15 (R) — Iraqi forces killed 125 Iranians and lost 21 men in fighting during the past 24 hours, the Iraqi News Agency said.

Gaza threatens boycott over tax harassment

AMMAN, May 15 (Petra) — The mayor of occupied Gaza, Mr. Rashad Al Shawwa, has threatened to boycott Israeli goods if Israeli customs officials and value-added tax collectors do not stop harassing Gaza merchants.

Mr. Shawwa was speaking at a meeting at the city's chamber of commerce at which city merchants and lawyers discussed illegal Israeli practices against merchants and recently increased campaigns to collect unreasonable taxes.

The problems that sparked the Gaza protests are part of a larger Israeli campaign to harass Arab businessmen under Zionist occupation, according to a recent statement by the Beirut-based Committee for the Defence of Palestinian Human Rights under Israeli occupation.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 15 (R) — Prices rose in Israel by 10.7 per cent last month, dashing government hopes of bringing down the world's worst inflation rate of 134 per cent a year.

PARIS, May 15 (R) — Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr was quoted today as saying torture had become common practice again in his country. The pro-socialist newspaper Le Matin reported the president as saying in an interview he had more than 500 dossiers on torture victims.

TEL AVIV, May 15 (R) — Former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and the French weekly L'Express have reached agreement over the Israeli leader's libel suit against the publication, attorneys for both parties told the district court here today.

NATIONAL DAY SUPPLEMENT

The Jordan Times will publish a special Supplement on Jordan's NATIONAL DAY — 25th May. The advertisements for it will be accepted until May 22. For all your queries about the supplement please contact: Irshad Najam - Phone 67171-4, Amman, from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Vorries about Mitterrand keep French stocks queasy

PARIS, May 15 (Agencies) — Uncertainty over the date of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand's take-over of power kept investors on tenterhooks at the end of a catastrophic week for the Bourse and money markets.

Following widespread uncertainty over the timing of the transfer of power, Mr. Giscard d'Estaing yesterday wrote a letter to his successor. The outgoing president, who had earlier announced he would chair a final meeting of his cabinet next Wednesday, offered in the letter to transfer power on May 19 — anniversary of his own election victory in 1974.

Black African members of the U.N. oppose this and even some Western countries doubt that it will lead to a solution. Guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) are fighting for independence in the territory.

Mr. Botha said yesterday after conferring with U.S. secretary of State Alexander Haig: "I have to return and report to the South African government, but on the basis of what I was told I can see a real possibility of moving ahead within the parameters of the framework set out by the U.S. government."

NATIONAL



Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani inspects working conditions at the battery factory in Marka on Thursday

During battery plant visit

Dr. Anani criticises lack of work safety measures

AMMAN, May 15 (Petra)—Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani yesterday made an inspection visit to the wet-cell batteries factory in Marka and discussed with the factory management the need to supply its workers with safety equipment. This, he said, must include safety goggles and masks that give protection against poisonous vapours and fumes that affect the

lungs, as well as special protective clothing, in addition to the sanitary conditions that should prevail at the factory. The factory workers are receiving minimal wages in comparison with their fellow workers in other Jordanian industries, the minister said. Dr. Anani stressed that the new labour law provides for strict pen-

alties against factory owners who do not take sufficient precautionary measures to give protection to the workers. The law also includes penalties for the workers themselves if they do not use the safety equipment provided to them by the factory. Eighty-five workers are employed by the factory, which produces 400 batteries daily—for the local market and a number of neighbouring Arab states. The minister was accompanied by a number of Labour Ministry and Social Security Corporation officials.

American journalists' Jordan visit: more than just seeing the sights

By Abba Majaj
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 15 — The just-ended visit to Jordan of a group of American journalists was one example of a highly promising way of contributing to understanding between East and West.

The six Baptist journalists have spent the past week visiting Jordan's touristic and biblical sites. The newsmen, who come from five different states, are Dr. Hudson Baggett, editor of the Alabama Baptist; Dr. Stan L. Hasteley, Washington Bureau Chief of the Baptist Press; Mr. Larry High, editor of the Maryland Baptist; Dr. Lloyd Householder, director of the communications office of Facts and Trends magazine; Dr. Richard T. McCartney, editor of the Baptist Messenger; and Dr. Wilmer C. Fields, director of the Baptist Press and director of Public Relations, Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Fields, who acted as the group's leader, is well-qualified for the role — he has been the leader of two similar tours to Jordan in 1978 and 1980; and he was first introduced to the country 30 years ago. Besides that, Dr. Fields is a seasoned traveller — the Middle East accounts for only a few of the 81 countries he has visited. But he has a special feeling for Jordan. "In many ways Jordan has so much to offer — the Arab hospitality, for one thing, is a garment of many colours, and it has been shown to us in many ways during our stay," Dr. Fields told the Jordan Times.

The group visited Jordan as guests of the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Tourism and Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline. These bodies kept the

journalists busy visiting both touristic and biblical sites, and with entertainment in the form of numerous invitations to functions and dinners — "many of which we were unfortunately unable to accept," Dr. Fields said. The previous two groups Dr. Fields has led to Jordan were able to meet with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan; and during this past week, Dr. Fields had the opportunity to meet with His Majesty King Hussein.

The Baptist groups which have been coming to Jordan for the past few years have more than just sightseeing in mind. Of course, they do see all they can of the country — Dr. Fields' group saw Jerash, Ajloun, Petra, Mount Nebo and Zarqa Ma'in in their last three days here before their return to the United States — but they show particular interest in Jordan's biblical sites and the Baptist mission here.

The West is very ignorant of what the Middle East is really like, Dr. Fields says, and consequently he has done much to promote tours to Jordan. "Our purpose is to arouse an interest in what is in many ways a still-undiscovered country," he said.

"Americans see the whole Middle East as lumped into one," he continued, "and this is one of the things we are trying to dispel." On their return to the United States each member of the group will be writing editorials and giving lectures on generally unrecognized

aspects of Jordan. Politics do enter into the picture, but "I urge the members of the group not to pontificate too quickly, and not to arrive at simplified solutions to complicated problems. Our main focus is on biblical sites and interests, and on the Baptist presence here," Dr. Fields said.

Included in the group's itinerary, which was suggested by Dr. Fields himself, was a visit to the Baptist School in Amman. The school first opened seven years ago and accepts children from kindergarten up to the sixth grade. The school has earned a good reputation, helped by the fact that three members of the royal family have placed their children there.

While in Ajloun, the group paid a visit to the Baptist compound and hospital there. The hospital was originally established by a British doctor, but since his retirement some 30 years ago it has been operating under Baptist auspices.

The hospital's current staff includes three American doctors as well as the Jordanian doctors and nurses. It has always offered treatment for all kinds of illnesses in its capacity as a general hospital, but with the many more specialised institutions which have been established recently, there is less need for a general hospital.

As a result, the Ajloun Baptist Hospital is considering the possibility of working mainly in paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology.

The group received an especially favourable impression from what Dr. Fields called "the climate of freedom in religion here. We're here to look and to listen, and the Jordanians are always ready to talk." Considering that all the journalists, with the exception of Dr. Fields, were visiting Jordan for the first time, that openness is particularly promising.



Adnan Abu Odeh

Jordan is firm in Arab defence — Abu Odeh

AMMAN, May 15 (Petra) — Jordan will remain firmly committed to its declared and unchanging policy with regard to its nations with other Arab states and towards the Middle East problem, Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh said in a statement yesterday.

He was commenting on a report in an unnamed Arab newspaper which said that the Zionist enemy might launch an attack on Syria through Jordanian territory.

The minister said that Arab states can rest assured that they will not be exposed to Zionist threats or dangers coming through Jordanian territory which, he said, is being shielded by the Jordanian armed forces, whose members are willing to sacrifice their souls in defence of the nation.

Dudin discusses joint agricultural ventures with AOAD director

AMMAN, May 15 (J.T.) — The director of the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD), Dr. Hassan Fahmy, discussed with Agriculture Minister Marwan Dudin here yesterday the prospect of establishing joint agricultural ventures in Jordan. They also reviewed the activities of the Amman AOAD office and the agenda of the Arab agriculture ministers' conference which will be held in Libya next month.

Dr. Jura'a, who leaves for Tunis tomorrow, said his Talks Ministry of Agriculture officials here resulted in agreement of patching agricultural specialists to study the prospect of introducing an integrated agricultural system in the Jordan Valley. These specialists will be sent to Jordan soon, he said.

Agriculture aide discusses crop import with W. Ba farmers

AMMAN, May 15 (J.T.) — Organisation of the entry of East Bank of agriculture from the occupied West Bank discussed at a meeting held by the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday under the chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin.

Present at the meeting representatives of farming horticulturalists in the Bank, and officials from the Ministry of Occupied Territories.

They discussed means of preventing any infiltration of crops into the East Bank at the same time continuing to West Bank crops to enter the Bank across the Jordanian ridges, with the purpose of continuing support for the adfatsness of the Arab inhabitants and farmers in the occupied Bank.

It was agreed at the meeting that West Bank agricultural cooperative societies will be possible for organising shipment of crops to be marketed in other Arab states.

Lawyers urge a to Palestine; str against Libyan

AMMAN, May 15 (Petra) — Bar Association today called Arab states to extend further assistance to the inhabitants of occupied Arab territories in their confront Zionist measures and practices and to confront Zionist designs in the Arab V. The association's general assembly met today under the chairmanship of its president, Sulaiman Al Haddadi, in order to discuss its working program for the next three years.

Yesterday Jordanian lawyers stopped work for one hour when 11 a.m. and 12 noon, in test against a law issued in Jordan recently abolishing both the association and the law profession.

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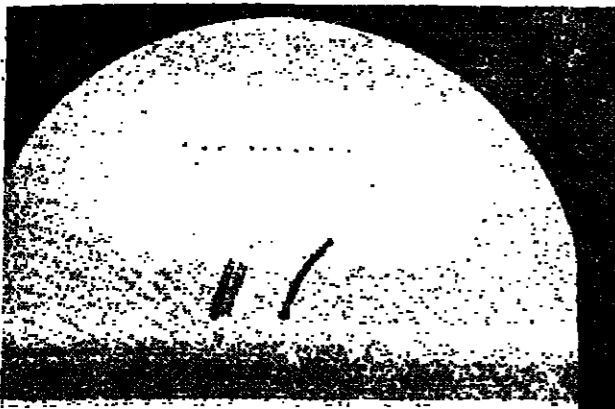
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EXHIBITIONS

FRIDAY, May 17: The British Council presents "Recent Prints Britain", an exhibition of original prints by Hockney, Kitagawa and many others. This exhibition, held previously at the British Council in Amman, will be on display in the foyer of Alcazar Hotel in Amman.

The University of Jordan, in cooperation with the British Council, presents an exhibition of academic books. The same exhibition was at Yarmouk University in Irbid last week.

SATURDAY, May 19: The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photographs, by the members of the photography club of the centre. The exhibition is open to the public at the centre's hall in Jabal Luweibdeh.



Portrait painting by Iraqi artist Rafa' Al Nasiri, on view at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts in Jabal Luweibdeh.

SUNDAY, May 22: Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Zaynab, the British Council presents sculpture from the permanent collection of its property at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. from 3 - 6 p.m., daily except Tuesday.

TUESDAY: A painting exhibition by Italian artist Romana Biondi is on display at the Holiday Inn ballroom.

The Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Rafa' Al Nasiri. The exhibition is open to the public at the gallery on Muntazah Square in Jabal Luweibdeh.

FILMS

FRIDAY, May 16 and SUNDAY, May 17: The French Cultural Centre presents "Le Voleur de Crimes". The show starts at 8 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

SATURDAY, May 17: The University of Jordan Graduate Club presents "Coming Home", at 6:30 p.m., at the club premises. Members and their friends are welcome.

British Council presents two sets of film shows in the foyer of Alcazar Hotel in Amman. Each show starts at 8 p.m. according to the following schedule:

SUNDAY, May 18: "Splendours of Britain", "David Hockney's Works" and "A City for all Seasons" (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, May 20: "Ski on Water", "The Great Clipper" and "The Price of a Record".

Goethe Institute presents a programme of films according to the following schedule:

FRIDAY, May 19: "Mensch Mutter" (1977), a case study of an abandoned mother. The show starts at 8 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman (in German, with English sub-titles).

SATURDAY, May 21: "Der Gestiefelte Kater" (1955), a film for children, at 7 p.m. at the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt.

CONCERT

FRIDAY, May 21: The Goethe Institute presents the trio of Schneider and Havenith on a flute, violin and piano concert. They will play pieces from Joseph Haydn, Ludwig van Beethoven, Hwang-Long Pan and Johann Nepomuk Hummel. The concert will take place at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani, at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

VIDEOTAPE PROGRAMMES

FRIDAY, May 18: The French Cultural Centre presents "Cezanne, les dernieres annees: 1895-1906", at 5 p.m. and the fifth episode of "La maison des bois" at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 19: The American Centre presents a videotape summary of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will be shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

CHURCH SERVICES

FRIDAY, May 17: The Amman International Church (international and interdenominational) holds worship services each day at 6 p.m. Church School for adults at 5 p.m.; nursery provided. The church meets for worship in the Baptist School in Shmeisani.

* The Church of the Redeemer (C. of E./ Anglican/ Episcopal) celebrates Holy Communion at 8 p.m., and holds Morning Service at 12 noon and Evening Service at 4:30 p.m. The church is located in the First Circle area of Jabal Amman near the Ahliya School for girls (CMS), beyond the China Restaurant.

Hussein lauds desert police on jubilee

AMMAN, May 15 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein yesterday paid tribute to the *badia* police force which, he said, has rendered its services truly and faithfully to the country ever since its founding 50 years ago.

Addressing a celebration held at Azraq on the occasion of the force's golden jubilee, King Hussein said: "The members of the *badia* force have always been characterised by high morals, courage, the sense of obligation and commitment to the defence of the country and of making sacrifices in the protection of its soil."

"Wherever you were sent for duty, stability and peace have reigned," King Hussein told the desert police units who gathered for the celebration, organised by the Public Security Directorate.

"You have inherited the principles of the Great Arab Revolt, which have continuously guided you towards achieving Arab unity, independence and freedom," he said.

He added: "This country will always remember your bravery and loyalty, and will remember the services of the *badia* force that has been a basic

element in the country's armed forces ever since the establishment of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

The role of the *badia* force in establishing security and peace in the rural regions and deserts of Jordan is greatly appreciated as it contributes to the stability and progress which the country is now enjoying, King Hussein said.

During the celebration, several formations of the desert police force, some mounted on camels, paraded before the royal pavilion. King Hussein decorated veteran members of the force and presented token gifts to the commanders of the *badia* force's various units, and to the families of the force's martyrs.

Attending the celebration with King Hussein were Prime Minister Mudar Badran; Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi; the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker; the director of the Public Security Directorate, Maj. Gen. Mamoun Khalil; Interior Minister Suleiman Arar, other cabinet members and senior government figures.



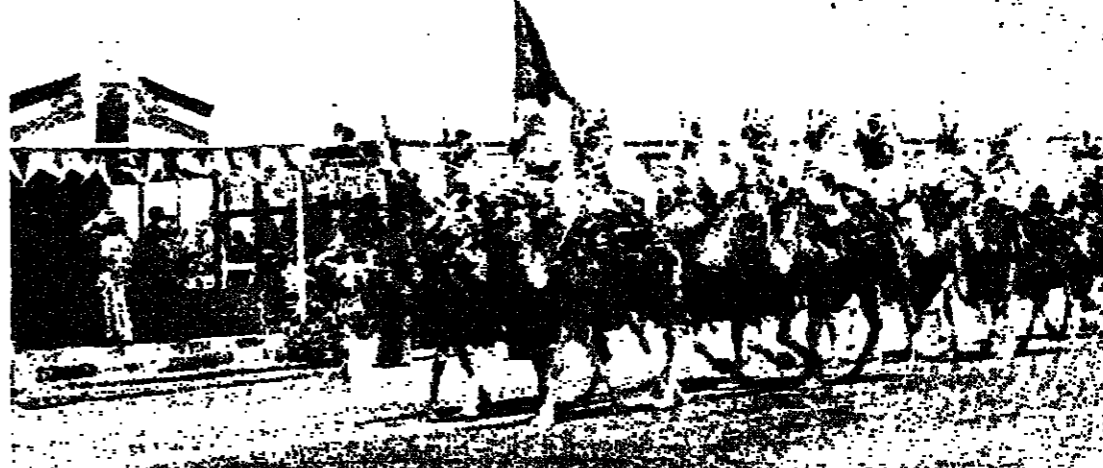
(above): a medal for a desert veteran



King Hussein attended the celebrations in the uniform of the desert police.



A young admirer holds the King's picture



Camel-mounted troops pass the reviewing stand



King Hussein embraces the son of a *badia* police martyr (Staff photos by Youssef Al 'Allan)



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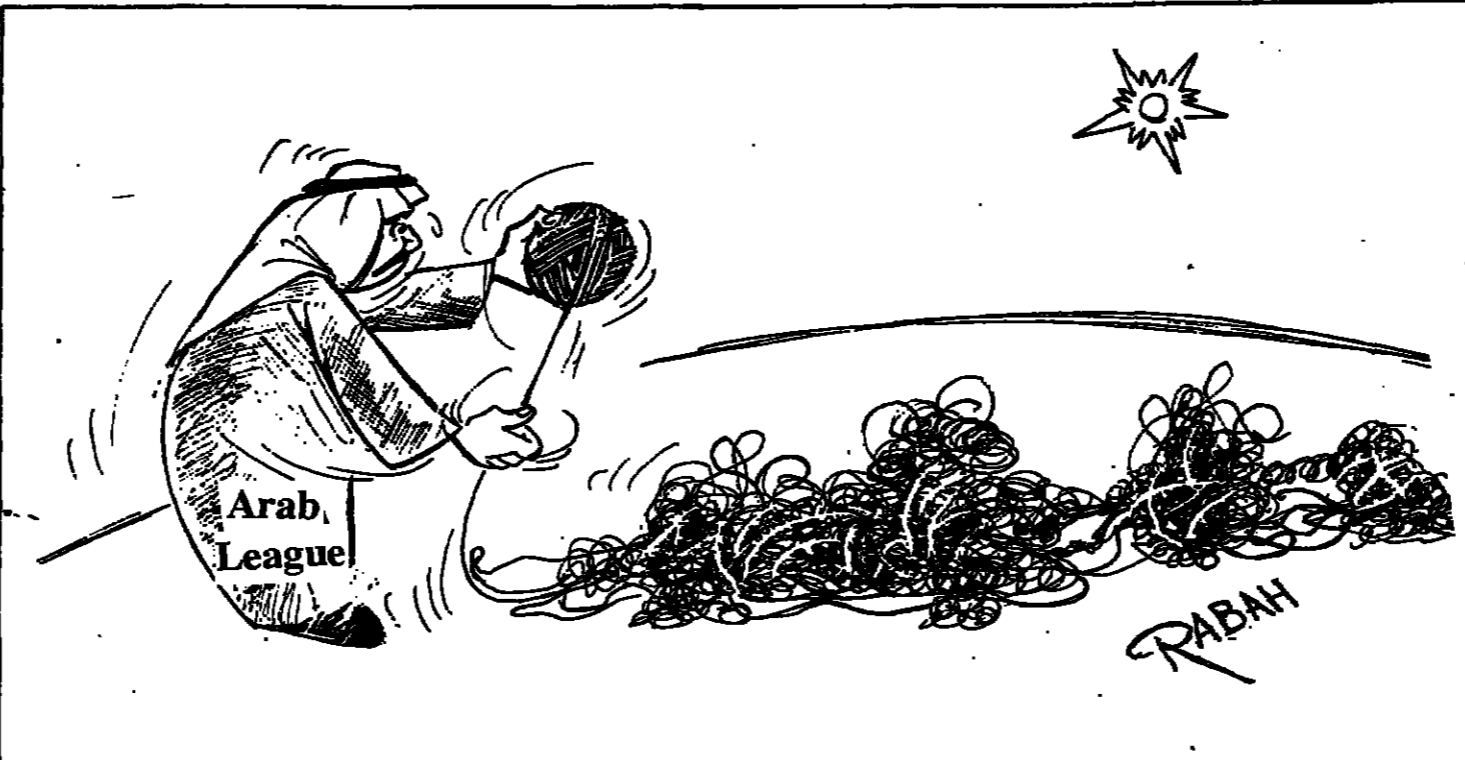
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Tourism contribution

By Fahed Fan

According to the Central Bank of Jordan, receipts from the tourism sector during 1980 reached JD 160 million in foreign exchange, which is equivalent to around 20 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP).

One would think that tourism in Jordan actually contributes 20 per cent of GDP which is of course a substantial share that may lead us to believe that tourism has grown to become too large for a balanced structure of the Jordanian economy.

The fact, as Mr. Basel Jardaneh of the National Planning Council has pointed out, is that the receipts of tourism do not represent 100 per cent contribution to the GNP. Part of these receipts goes to imports and other consumption inputs that should be excluded before we arrive at the net added value of the tourism sector.

To my knowledge, no one has so far endeavoured to calculate the contribution of tourism to the GNP in Jordan i.e. the added value as distinct from gross receipts.

I will therefore take the risk of throwing a very rough estimate, based on the examination of the financial statements of a small sample of hotels, restaurants and transportation establishments as examples of the facilities that attract the major part of tourists' expenditure.

We shall assume that wage salaries form 17.4 per cent gross sales of these facilities consequently from tourists' receipts, that interest forms 2 per cent, profits 14 per cent, taxes 2 per cent. This makes total share of the products 35.8 per cent of the receipts in the form of salaries, interest and taxes.

If these percentages were deducted, the added value of tourism would be JD 57.23 million of JD 814 million in 1980 or around 7 per cent of GNP.

This is a good percentage that can be looked upon as an achievement, but it is too far being close to 20 per cent of as was suggested.

This is not an attempt to underestimate the relative importance of tourism in the structure of the Jordanian national economy, but an honest attempt to arrive at a realistic size of this vital sector, establish that it did not exceed safety limits.

To the contrary this modest percentage suggests that Jordan as a country endowed with rich natural resources, tourism attractions, is still far from using its full potential in this respect, and that there is still room for further development of tourism.

Easy does it, Caspar

NOT ONLY has Mr. Caspar Weinberger, the American defence secretary, got the oilfields of the Gulf region under threat of Soviet invasion, but he has also brought in the NATO powers to help alleviate the crisis. Of course, the oil fields of the Gulf, like the wheat fields of Kansas, are merrily lounging in the sun. In the very fertile imagination of Mr. Weinberger, however, the Gulf oil fields are under the threat of a Soviet invasion, and therefore he has to have a force of soldiers prepared to drop in at a moment's notice to save the day. The sad fact is that Mr. Weinberger and his trigger-happy friends in the Reagan administration are moving dangerously close to the sphere of the self-fulfilling prophecy. The danger that now exists is not so much of an imaginary Soviet invasion whose genesis is in the minds of the New Right in the United States; rather, the danger is that Soldier Caspar and His Band of Toughies will be so eager to go in and defend the oil fields that they themselves might trigger off a half-baked confrontation to show the world that the United States was, after all, ready to go anywhere to defend its vital interests. It is at this stage that the self-fulfilling prophecy shifts into the realm of the truly phantasmagoric. Mr. Weinberger would do better to leave behind the cowboy mentality that he is displaying so awkwardly in his loose talk about the Gulf, and spend his considerable resources on living with the Soviets in a peaceful world.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Thursday marked an occasion of dual remembrance. Patronising the golden jubilee celebrations of the badia police force, His Majesty King Hussein rekindled in the hearts of his countrymen hopes and aspirations for victory, the liberation of Palestine and the regaining of legitimate Arab rights.

He did not fail to remind the nation of the heroic battles of Hittin, Al Qadisia, Yarmouk and Muta, which our forefathers had courageously fought and won against invaders—a clear indication of how the Arabs should act today and what they should achieve.

At the same time, the Palestinian people on the West Bank, equipped with relentless determination to achieve victory and liberate their homeland, rose on Thursday against the occupiers to remind the Zionists that May 15 was not the end of the road, but the

beginning of the Arab struggle against aggression.

The resurgence of our kinsmen under Israeli rule on Thursday reasserts their will and determination to carry on the struggle, and emphasises their commitment to regaining dignity and freedom.

The Palestinian soil on Thursday witnessed honourable Arab resurgence and heroic resistance against the Zionist aggressors. It also witnessed shameful and disgraceful scenes—those of Zionist soldiers' attacks on defenceless schoolchildren.

Thursday's events evoke remembrances of past Arab glories as much as they rekindle in us hope for the liberation of our usurped lands.

AL DUSTOUR: For over 30 years, the date May 15 every year has aroused in us bitter memories and sad, painful feelings, because it has reminded us of the magnitude of the tra-

gedy that befell the Arabs with the Zionist usurpation of Palestine in 1948.

We cannot help remembering the conditions that prevailed in 1948 when the people of Palestine rose to defend their homeland and struggled heroically with the sparse resources and the poor weapons they possessed to fight off the Zionist onslaught on Palestine.

These Palestinians, assisted by volunteers from other Arab states, made many sacrifices in their defence of the holy places. Many martyrs fell in the battles, and many more Palestinians were displaced and scattered all over the Arab World to live as refugees.

The question we must ask today is: What is the Arabs' excuse for not fighting Israel now and liberating Palestine? They surely have all the military power and formidable weapons to match NATO's arsenal. What are the Arabs

doing in the face of Israel's arrogance and its cancerous expansion in the Arab land?

What excuses can we find for the present Arab generation, which witnesses Israel's recurrent acts of aggression on Lebanon and hears Begin announce that the downing of an Israeli plane over Lebanon constitutes a threat to Israel's security?

We are faced with two different pictures of the Arabs: those of 1948 and the Arabs of today as we confront the Zionist enemy, which denies us even the right to defend ourselves.

Unless the Arabs realise that their strength lies in their unity and that they must build up their innate power to face aggression, many more years will pass by, and they will continue to remind us with pain and regret of the date of May 15, the date of the great tragedy in Palestine.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

CHANNEL 3

5:30 Koran
 5:45 Children's programme
 6:00 Rainbow
 6:20 Batulstar Galactica
 7:10 Programme Preview
 7:25 Local Programme
 8:00 News in Arabic
 8:30 Arabic series
 9:30 Local Programme
 10:20 Feature film (Chandler)
 11:00 News in Arabic
 11:10 Cont. of the film

CHANNEL 6

6:00 French Programme
 7:00 News in French
 7:20 French Varieties
 7:30 News in Hebrew
 8:30 Comedy
 9:00 Documentary Film
 9:30 Saturday Variety Show
 10:00 News in English
 10:20 Feature film (Chandler)

RADIO JORDAN
 855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM

7:00 Sign on
 7:01 Morning Show
 7:30 News Bulletin
 7:40 Morning Show
 10:00 News Summary
 10:30 ETERNAL Jerusalem
 11:00 Sign off
 12:00 News Headlines
 12:03 Pop Session
 13:00 News Summary
 13:03 Radiotheque
 14:00 News Bulletin
 14:30 Instrumentals
 15:00 Over a Cup of Tea
 15:30 Concert Hour
 16:00 News Summary
 16:03 Instrumentals
 16:30 Old Favourites
 17:00 Melody Time
 17:30 In Concert
 18:00 Play of the Week
 19:30 News Bulletin
 20:30 Top Twenty
 21:00 Men from the Ministry
 21:00 Classical Music
 22:00 Sign off

BBC WORLD SERVICE
 639, 720, 1143 KHz

GMT
 04:00 Newsdesk 04:30 Keynotes
 04:45 Financial News 4:55 Reflections 05:00 World News: British Press Review 05:15 About Britain 05:30 New Ideas 05:40 Book Choice 05:45 The World Today 06:00 Newsdesk 06:30 Mendelssohn and the British Scene 07:00 World News: News about Britain 07:15 From the Weeklies 07:30 Theme and Variations 07:45 Network

U.K. 08:00 World News: Reflections 08:15 A Composer Speaks 08:30 Terry Wogan's Album Time 08:30 World News: British Press Review 09:15 The World Today 09:30 Financial News 09:40 Look Ahead 09:45 Science in Action 10:15 About Britain 10:30 The King's Collection 11:00 World News: News about Britain 11:15 New Ideas 11:25 The Week in Wales 11:30 Meridian 12:00 Radio Newsreel 12:15 Anything Goes 12:45 Sports Round-up 13:00 World News: Commentary 13:15 Net Work UK 13:30 Time Off 14:00 Saturday Special 15:00 Radio Newsreel 15:15 Saturday Special 16:00 16:00 World News: Commentary 16:15 Saturday Special 16:30 World News: Commentary 17:00 World News: Sporting Book Choice. 17:15 Play it My Way: Saturday Special 17:45 Sports Round-Up 18:00 World News: News about Britain 18:15 Radio Newsreel 18:30 Play of the Week: The Windowing of Mrs. Holroyed 19:30 Terry Wogan's Album Time 20:00 World News: Commentary 20:15 Good Books 20:30 Mendelssohn and the British Scene 21:00 Short Story 21:15 Drop a Name 21:45 People and Politics 22:00 World News: Theatre Call 22:30 New Ideas 22:40 Reflections 22:45 Sports Round-up 23:00 World News: Commentary 23:15 Letterbox 23:30 Meridian

VOICE OF AMERICA
 GMT
 03:30 The Breakfast Show: news on the hour and 28 min. after each hour 17:00 Weekend 18:00 Special English: news/words and their stories, feature, short stories 18:30 New York, New York 19:00 News and This Week 19:30 Press Conference USA 20:00 Special English: news/words and their stories 20:15 Music USA (Jazz) 21:00 Weekend

AMMAN AIRPORT

ARRIVALS:

8:55 Agaba
 9:30 Jeddah
 9:40 Kuwait
 9:45 Karachi, Dubai
 9:50 Doha
 10:00 Dhahran
 10:05 Abu Dhabi
 11:00 Riyadh (SV)
 11:40 Cairo (EA)
 11:40 Abu Dhabi (SR)
 15:35 Kuwait (KAC)
 16:30 Cairo
 17:15 Chicago, N. York
 Vienna (SK)
 17:25 Copenhagen, Athens (SK)
 17:25 London (BA)
 17:40 Copenhagen, Athens
 17:55 Cairo (IA)

18:00 London
 18:45 Paris, Beirut (AF)
 19:10 Cairo (EA)
 19:50 Frankfurt
 19:50 Amsterdam, Athens (KLM)
 20:00 Beirut (MEA)
 23:40 Cairo (EA)
 24:00 Baghdad
 24:55 London (BA)
 01:00 Cairo

DEPARTURES:

5:45 Damascus, Frankfurt (LH)
 7:00 Agaba
 9:25 Beirut (MEA)
 10:00 Frankfurt
 11:20 Tripoli, Tunis
 11:30 Cairo, Brussels
 11:45 Geneva, London
 12:00 Riyadh (SV)
 12:30 Paris (AF)
 12:30 Athens, Zurich (SR)
 13:00 Cairo
 16:20 Kuwait (KAC)
 19:00 Kuwait
 19:45 Baghdad
 20:00 Cairo
 20:15 Abu Dhabi, Dubai
 20:30 Cairo (EA)
 02:30 Rawalpindi (BA)

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 Wajeeh Barakat 38730/66983
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 Yarlesh: 24425
 Zarqa: Al Haya (—)
 Irbid: Al Razi (—)

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 Tariq 23024
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 Asem 66983

CULTURAL CENTRES

American Centre 41520
 British Council 36147-8
 French Cultural Centre 37009
 Goethe Institute 41993
 Soviet Cultural Centre 24049
 Spanish Cultural Centre 39777
 Haya Arts Centre 65195
 Hussein Youth City 67181
 Y.W.C.A. 41793

Y.W.M.A. 64251
 Amman Municipal Library 36111
 University of Jordan Library 843555/843666

SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Grand Palace Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 1.30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Thursday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.

MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Year-round. Tel. 23316
 Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169
 Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.). Closed on Tuesdays.
 Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century oriental artists. Mountazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed on Tuesdays. Tel. 30128

LOCAL EXCHANGE

RATES

Saudi riyal 98.5/99
 Lebanese pound 80.1/80.7
 Syrian pound 49.6/50.2
 Iraqi dinar 741.6/747.6
 Kuwaiti dinar 1187/1195
 Egyptian pound 390.6/393.5
 Qatari riyal 91/91.4
 UAE dirham 90.4/90.9
 Omani riyal 952.6/959.3
 U.S. dollar 332.5/334.5
 U.K. sterling 688.4/692.5
 W. German mark 144.1/145
 Swiss franc 159.2/160.2
 Italian lire (for every 100) 29.2/29.4
 French franc 59.8/60.2
 Dutch guilder 129.5/130.2
 Swedish crown 67.7/68.1
 Belgium franc 88.6/89.1
 Japanese yen (for every 100) 150.2/151.1

PRAYER TIMES

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (government) 75111
 Civil Defence rescue 61111
 Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency) 36381-2
 Municipal water service (emergency) 37111-3
 Police headquarters 39141
 Najdeh roving patrol rescue police. (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency 21111, 37777
 Airport information (ALIA) 92205/92206
 Jordan Television 73111
 Radio Jordan 74111

Firstaid, fire, police 199
 Fire headquarters 22090
 Cablegram or telegram 18

Telephone:
 Information 12
 Jordan and Middle East trunk calls 10
 Overseas radio and satellite calls 17
 Telephone maintenance and repair service 11

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1981

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day and evening which you can use to best advantage by investigating whatever has been puzzling you in the past. You can then devise a plan to gain your goals more readily.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make sure you handle your regular duties in a conscientious manner at this time. Show that you are a thoughtful person.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take time to analyze where you are headed in your career. Don't lose your temper over a situation that displeases you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get busy attending to home duties early in the day. Plan time for a little entertainment in the evening.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be with your loved one as much as possible today and increase happiness. Relax at home tonight.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Do nothing to irritate any family members and maintain harmony and happiness. Be more tolerant of others.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) It is important that you be most careful in motion today and tonight and avoid possible accident. Relax and ease tensions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Be most careful in the handling of money matters today and avoid being a loser. Think along more constructive lines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Not a good day or evening for the social side of life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be objective in handling a personal problem at this time. Engage in favorite hobby with congenials.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Personal matters need your attention today, so forget friends for the time being. Sidestep a troublemaker.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan time to handle personal responsibilities early in the day. Taking any risks with money would be most unwise now.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) New ideas come to you but don't take any action on them now. Study them further. Establish more order around you.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be one who will create problems just for the fun of showing how well they can be solved, so teach to search for harmony instead. Religious training is important. One who will excel in sports.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

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MIDDLE EAST

The Next Day in Nablus

Penny Johnson

ing from a visit to the occupied West Bank, reliance more on news filtered through the lens of the New York Times...

lements form a partial ring, cutting off Nablus from surrounding areas. Elon Moreh spokesman Benny Katzover clearly articulated this goal in April 1980: "It is not the specific site of Jebel Kabir or Rujeib that is important; the proximity to Nablus-Shechem is the point. It is essential and urgent to establish as widespread a Jewish presence in Judea and Samaria as possible and the closer this presence is to the large concentrations of Arab population in these territories, the better."

We had already heard there was "trouble" at Al Najah University the day before, but we had left Jerusalem too early to pick up a newspaper. A long line of cars waits at a roadblock to leave Nablus; entering the city, however, we are not stopped. Al Najah University, founded in 1977 and currently serving 2700 students, is a university disguised as a construction site, with incomplete new buildings surrounding a main structure that once housed a teacher training institute. Today, however, the normally busy campus is silent; corridors are deserted and only skeleton staff greets us. The Administrative Vice-President, Dr. Al Masri, a short, scarred woman with an air of great efficiency, explains that Israeli tanks had been on the road earlier: "The students were afraid to come to school."

English professor Martha Meyers, a former Peace Corps worker, describes yesterday's scenario: arriving on campus, she is informed by the students that they

Dr. Al Masri adds angrily that "the soldiers didn't allow the ambulance to enter the campus." After several heated phonecalls to the military governor, a private car was allowed to take the two wounded students one bleeding heavily, to the hospital. "It is almost impossible to function under the circumstances," says Al Najah's Dean of Arts, in a striking understatement. Indeed, we have some difficulty recording the various restrictions placed on Al Najah by the military government that is the main purpose of our visit. On July 6, 1980, the Israeli military governor of the West Bank, General Benyamin Eliezar, issued Order 854, giving the military even greater control over the university; we are investigating this order's effect on academic freedom.

In a way, however, specific restrictions -- which range from delay or cancelling of work permits for foreign faculty, censorship of books, denial of new programmes, refusal of permission for public lecture -- are not the real point. Neither, certainly are whatever reasons given by the military government for each decision: Why can't Bethlehem University get any book with "Nuclear Physics" in its title? Why is Al Najah denied an agricultural school? Why was Birzeit University closed for one

searching police stations for arrested students or devising strategies to combat each restriction; and obscured as students become exhausted by their real responsibilities, both political and personal, to each other and to confront the occupation and its policies.

"We are afraid here," says Dr. Kamal, a Canadian physicist in his early thirties. "We are really afraid now."

Dr. Kamal's voice quivers as he talks; another man speaks matter-of-factly, waiting for a pause in the discussion. He says: "There's trouble at the high school." This man has just been prevented by soldiers from entering the school to pick up his son; the school is surrounded by the Army. His neutral tone in recounting the situation is terrible in its normality: he doesn't burst into the room with the news, doesn't dramatise his concern about his son; it is indeed normal. "There is trouble," the same phrase we heard yesterday about Al Najah. Inevitably, there is trouble.

The trouble, as we witness it when our bus, at our insistence, drives by Kadri Toquan High School, is that extremely frightened students are trapped in their school by the soldiers. Several cameras record the young scared faces pressed against the glass before

of six brothers and sisters; the high school student's two older brothers were deported by the Israelis.

The checkpoint leaving Nablus stretches to about forty cars. A group of men of all ages are on the side of the road, pulled out of the cars for interrogation. The Israeli soldiers allow us to proceed ahead of everybody after a burst of oratory from our Hebrew-speaking guide who points out, "You can't treat Americans like Arabs!" An extremely young soldier enters our bus and takes a cursory look at our American passports. His face lights up and he says in English: "Have a nice day!"

Nablus in Print

The Jerusalem Post, the major English-language newspaper in Israel, informs us on our return that "Two students were injured yesterday during a demonstration at Al Najah University in Nablus when a soldier fired at a wall to stop them from throwing stones at his jeep. The students were hurt by stone ricochets and taken to the local hospital."

The Post here has achieved an almost perfect pastiche of misinformation. Stylistically, note the use of the passive tense ("were injured," "were hurt"), a pre-

acting Mayor, Zafer Al Masri told us he saw Israeli soldiers methodically picking up the shells of spent bullets the next morning. The students we visited were not only wounded by bullets -- rather than the mythical stone ricochets -- a fact the Post could easily have discovered, but also one student wounded in the knee had part of his kneecap removed in a 3 1/2 hour operation. The attending doctor noted that the wound itself was unusual, almost like it was caused by an explosive. The bullet we had picked up was tentatively identified by an attorney in our group as hollow-nosed, a bullet that explodes upon impact.

David Shipler's New York Times account is perhaps more fair: he gives the option that students were "wounded either by bullet fragments or shattered pieces of the wall." He does, however, quote without investigation the military spokesman's assertion that the soldiers "used rubber bullets." But more important, the Times and a shorter Washington Post account do not mention one crucial fact that can be confirmed: the students were inside the building when they were shot. Both accounts follow the military's version which places the students outside: presumably posing a dire "threat" to the well-armed soldiers.



The arrest of students by Israeli soldiers is just one of the daily threats to education as a national resource for the Palestinian people.

The two U.S. papers' errors of fact are partly explained by the fact that no foreign correspondents were on the scene in Nablus on November 25, leaving the military spokesman free to construct a lauded version of events. Ominously, new regulations issued by the Israeli military government on December 14, 1980 will prohibit news correspondents from entering "closed areas" -- Arab towns and villages where any unrest or protest against the occupation is occurring, or, of course, where the Israeli army is planning any punishment for the population -- without the accompaniment of an official military spokesman. The order also legitimises the seizing of films and tapes, already a common practice.

The Next Days

In fact, the Israeli army's shooting of students in November, 1980 was unusually well-covered, thanks partly to a television film by Visnews, which irrevocably documented Israeli soldiers in Ramallah firing on students from the safe distance of rooftops, rather than, as claimed, in the heat of a street confrontation where, in the words of Israeli Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, soldiers are "provoked to the limit."

But what happens the day after a headline-grabbing event? In Nablus, for example, in the wake of the shootings at Al Najah University, two faculty members, about seventy students and a municipal council member, 57-year-old Khalil Attireh who is in extremely poor health were arrested. As of the end of December, 51 persons remain in prison, some

of whom were arrested following Israel's re-expulsion of Palestinian mayors Fahd Qawasm and Mohammad Milhem on December 5, 1980. The re-expulsion of the mayors, also illustrative of Begin's "iron fist" policy, underlines another important fact: the Israeli military government has an increasingly strong voice in shaping policy towards the occupied territories. Both General Danny Matt, coordinator for the occupied territories, and General Benyamin Eliezar, military governor of the West Bank, threatened to resign if the mayors were not deported. With Begin as Defence Minister, decisions seem increasingly to reflect a purely military approach, without even the tempering influence of former Defence Minister Ezer Weizmann's political shrewdness.

Elements of the military government and the army are clearly sympathetic, if not organically linked, to Gush Emunim and other extremist groups, including underground terrorist groups like "Sons of Zion" and "Terror Against Terror," the group claiming responsibility for the maiming of the mayors of Nablus and Ramallah in June, 1980. Recent policies of the occupation, including harsh restrictions on the universities, trade unions, cultural clubs, charitable organisations and indeed, any organised or public form of Palestinian expression, fit squarely with the extremist goals of a Benny Katzover or a Meir Kahane (released December 12 from prison after serving only 3 1/2 months on a 9 month sentence for inciting anti-Arab violence, including a plot to blow up the Al

Asqa Mosque). A Gush Emunim publication, harkening back to the Old Testament when Israel subdued the Canaanites expressed these choices. "One way out given to the Canaanites was to accept Israel's terms. No autonomy but then no intolerance either... The second method was to leave... In a meeting our group held with a small group of Israeli academics from the Hebrew University, who to varying degrees opposed occupation policies, most balked vehemently at any suggestion that these policies had a systematic purpose or pattern. This curious blindness, which seems to afflict people of good will in situations where their country is acting as an oppressor, should be alleviated by a close look at a map of established and planned Israeli settlements in the West Bank, with their clear design of choking Palestinian towns. The same blindness, however, affects at least the Western world, which even while, in the accustomed phrases of the U.S. State Department, "deploring" or expressing "deep disappointment" at various instances of human rights violations by the military occupation, hesitates to analyse the purposes of these "abuses of power" -- to go beyond headline events to the "next day" in Nablus, or Ramallah or Hebron.

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Day in Nablus

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Woman whose land was confiscated for Israeli settlement describes her plight to Nasser Aruri.

week because the students were holding a Palestine Week, a cultural festival held for three years previously without incident? The blanket answer of the military government, "for purposes of security," takes on a Kafkaesque ring. The point, however, is that beyond the specifics, the military government is attempting to force the universities to submit -- to submit to its control, to submit to the destruction of their independence, to submit to the eradication of their function as Palestinian national institutions.

And the point is that education as a national resource for the Palestinian people is threatened by the daily calls from the military government; worn away by persistent anxiety of the faculty over work permits, visas, their livelihoods; eroded as faculty are forced to spend enormous amounts of time

soldiers, running towards us, confiscate our film. We lose only our film, the soldiers, however, seize the identity card of our Palestinian driver and tell him roughly to report to the police station. "Bring food," they say, indicating a long detention.

Through the intervention of the acting Mayor of Nablus, who manages to convince the military authorities that the American tourists could not be disobeyed by a mere Arab, our driver is saved, a happy ending of sorts. We leave Nablus after visiting three wounded students in the hospital -- two from Al Najah and one from the high school; another from the high school has been so seriously wounded he has been sent to Jerusalem. Dr. Al Masri loses her composure and begins to weep as she asks the students about their families; Hatem is the sole support

ferred device of the Post when recording Israeli soldiers attacking Palestinians. Then, consider the mysterious ricocheting stones. Our group, after examining bullet holes on the outside of the university building, traced one bullet hole through a metal door, through a counter and one covered the bullet itself lodged in a box of papers. Our naive glee at discovering this proof -- a metal bullet contradicting reports that the Israeli army was now "only" using rubber bullets -- bemused the Al Najah faculty. more experienced in the ways of the military occupation. In what court will this bullet be presented? In what public forum can the accusation be made?

Then, the Post describes "a soldier" firing at "a wall," rather than the fusillade of gunfire confirmed by the bullet holes. (The

the largest Arab town on occupied West Bank and a of Palestinian nationalism, sses between Nablus' Scylla and Charybdis. On one side lies y stone structure of the prison, which, under the occupation, has housed a portion of the youth of s, and a significant number itzenry. On the other, poi- the hills over Nablus, is the Moreh settlement bloc. In mmer of 1979, the Israeli Court, in an unusual de- cided that extremist Jewish s from Gush Emunim, who legally established the set- of Elon Moreh on land- ing to Rujeib village must tile it. With government tement, the settlers mer- ved to a nearby hill, Jebel Now, four more set- are planned in the Elon bloc, as part of a ring of nents to encircle Nablus. dy at night, the lights of Elon and other Jewish set-

are on strike in sympathy with students arrested at Bir Zeit University the previous day (Bir Zeit University had been surrounded by the Israeli army in the wake of a student demonstration; soldiers arrested about twenty students as they leave the campus). The sequence of events unfolds with cinematic precision, an exemplar of numerous other student-Army confrontations: students assemble in the courtyard, singing patriotic songs. Israeli soldiers arrive; a few rocks are thrown. Soldiers fire; students run inside the building. Gunfire for 15-20 minutes. Inside the building, bullets hit two students, one in the knee, the other in the hand -- a student just emerging from his classroom. A young Palestinian professor characterises the episode: "The students were just singing, only singing. It's an exchange of messages: the students sing, 'We don't accept your authority.' The soldiers shoot. 'We don't accept your message.'"

Arab-Americans start to flex political muscle

FRANCISCO: If entm can be used as a criterion, tional Association of Arab icans (NAAA) will evolve political action organisation reckoned within the 1980's. e association is deeply inv- in such things as ridding the rican news media and Ame- textbooks of negative step- ing of Arabs, and enc- ing Arab Americans to be- more active in the political if their communities. it the major thrust of its pro- me is to have some influence the federal government in its elation of policy toward the le East and in improving re- is between the United States the Arab World. eaker after speaker at the al convention of the as- sion, held in San Francisco, 7-10, collected rounds of use, cheers and standing ions from delegates, ass- ion members and other con- oners of Arab and non-Arab nt, as they called for a sol- to the Palestine question and e escalation of troubles in un -- two problems which unanimously agree are dir- eakers ran the gamut of int- nual and emotional appeal. ere was the fiery oratory Mr. Clovis Maksoud, per- ent observer of the League of States to the United Nat- who outgoing NAAA Pre- it James Sams dubbed "The

Arab World's minister of intelligent articulation." There was the grim recitation of "Israeli intimidation and atrocities" on the West Bank by Mr. Hatem Hussaini, director of the PLO information office in Washington. And there were carefully considered comments from former American diplomats who had recently served in Arab countries. There was an encouraging report on U.S. economic and political relations with the Arab World from a representative of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and a report from a representative of the U.S. State Department on the Reagan administration efforts to resolve the crisis in Lebanon. But what the conventioneers wanted were not words, but action. During the question periods after the panel discussions, there were few questions asked. Most of the members of the audience, when recognised by the moderators, exhorted their fellow Arab-Americans to spread the word, to sign up more members for NAAA, to contact their representatives in Congress, to spread the word that the voice of the Arab-American will be heard in the land -- especially in Washington. These people, from all walks of life, some speaking in the broken language of a new U.S. immigrant still learning English, some with the polished speech of the highly educated, sounded a common

theme: solve the Palestinian issue, defuse the potential crisis in Lebanon. And, saying they are Americans first and that they identify with their ancestral homelands only in the sense of human rights and better U.S.-Arab relations, they expressed the belief that the nation they, or their parents, or their grandparents had chosen -- the United States -- could help solve these problems, could be a primary contributor to peace in the Middle East. In the speeches, in conversations with delegates and others, in interviews with NAAA officials and in a press conference there was a consensus that the Arab Americans, under the flag of the National Association of Arab Americans, believed they were launching a new beginning as a political force in the United States. The advance people, the public relations and press people had predicted there would be more than a thousand convention-goers, but NAAA officials allowed they were pleased with the turnout of somewhere between 400 and 500. The programme of carrying their message to the public needs a bit of work. The total press coverage of the NAAA convention, as far as anyone associated with the organisation knew, consisted of a single item in one local newspaper and a single item on one local television station and a brief mention on one local radio station

summarising a NAAA position on the proposed AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia. Press conferences attracted a scattering of reporters from specialised publications directly associated with the Arab World and a couple of San Francisco papers -- no national television, no news wire service, no major newspaper people from outside the San Francisco area. What to do? Some of the convention-goers blame the lack of coverage on some sort of "anti-Arab conspiracy." But NAAA officials pretty much agreed that their own promotion programme is at fault, that it needs a bit of work to get its message across to the American public. The very articulate outgoing NAAA President James Sams summarised the problem. Asked to compare the association with the Israeli lobby, he responded: "We think that certainly we do not, as a community, have anything like the influence of the so-called Jewish lobby or Israel lobby. However, we don't perceive ourselves in some kind of ethnic struggle between Arab Americans and Jewish Americans. Our interests are quite different. He went on to say that the NAAA is not any Arab lobby, "We are an Arab-American lobby and we are concerned only with American interests in the Arab World."

The newly elected president of NAAA, Mr. Robert Thabit, is a lawyer in private practice in New York. He has been NAAA's executive vice president during the past year and works with, and in fact is president of, the American Aid to Refugees Organisation, a private charitable organisation based in Brooklyn, New York. He is in marked contrast from the outgoing president, the articulate James Sams -- in style but not in belief. In his introductory remarks at the grand banquet on the last day of the convention, Mr. Thabit sounded the call: "As Americans of Arab extraction, we are first and always Americans, loyal to our country. Yet, as Arabs we are in a position to understand and appreciate Arab aspirations. We can relate to them and articulate them, As Americans, steeped in the ideals and principles of equity and justice we can clearly see the injustice in American policy toward the Middle East. And, as loyal Americans, we owe our country the effort to modify such policies. "As your president, I recognise that I cannot achieve these goals, except with the cooperation, dedication, participation, and hard work of the board and all of our members. I need your input and participation. I want your commitment tonight to cooperation, dedication and participation. If we have that, our voices -- united -- will be heard nat-

ionally and the people of America can change America's distorted policy into a policy that reflects America's highest principles of justice, fairness and freedom." Judging by the enthusiastic reaction of the crowd, Mr. Thabit has that commitment. From the rostrum, Mr. Thabit comes on strong: "We shall concentrate our efforts even more on helping to bring at least understanding to these problems, if not solutions. "We will continue ... our activities in lobbying with the Congress and with the administration ... we shall sponsor voter registration drives for new Arab-American citizens ... we hope to establish a new political action committee corporation to legally accept and distribute funds for political candidates and campaigns. "We can support those politicians whose views coincide with our views of America's national interests, and work for the defeat of those whose views we perceive to be dangerous to American national interests." In a private interview, Mr. Thabit was more subdued -- at first. "We know that it will take time to change policy," he said. "Hopefully, with a good deal of work, a strong organisation and larger membership, we can. "We have five Arab-American U.S. congressmen and two U.S. senators who are Arab-Americans, and we hope to in-

crease our working relationship with them." What are the goals of the Arab American Association? Obviously warming to the topic, Mr. Thabit responded: "We would like to see the administration who really knew something in regard to the Palestinian issues. That's the number one issue. But, the Lebanon issue is also a close second. "We know that the Lebanon and the Palestinian issues are intertwined, and we know also that if the Palestinian issue can be resolved it will take pressure off the Lebanese problem. And that can fall into place. "We would hope that the administration would take a closer look at the support it is giving to the Israelis and caution it (Israel) not to continually attack South Lebanon and other parts of Lebanon and restrain it from actions which are only further complicating the Middle East question. "Leaving no question that his affiliations, his beliefs, are very much in accord with those expressed by the majority of NAAA members at the convention, Mr. Thabit said: "I believe there is no question a full independent state for Palestinians is a necessity. It's a rock-bottom minimum solution to the problem. Autonomy certainly is no substitute." The Camp David process? "I think we should probably expect to have to start all over.

May be the administration believes it can utilize to some extent the Camp David accord, perhaps as a temporary position. "And, perhaps, after a later time when they've had that period of time when they can consider what to do, they themselves may decide to scrap it and have another option." The Palestine Liberation Organisation and the peace talks? "There is no question that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has to be involved in the framework for a peace settlement. Jordan, other Arab countries: "I think that if the PLO is brought into the discussion and the negotiations then there is a possibility that you can get other parties in the dispute into the relationship with the on-going discussions. We should not allow ourselves to get hung-up over things like we cannot speak to the PLO. That's just unfair to the area, unfair to the history and unfair to the people who are involved in the struggle and are dying everyday, because we are not going to talk to somebody. Talking to them (PLO) and negotiating with them does not necessarily mean recognition, does not necessarily mean approval of their policies. "But, unless we talk to the parties to the dispute, there is no way we can solve the dispute other than by means of violence. "And, if our country is interested in avoiding violence, we would be foolish to continue not to talk to them."

ECONOMY

Japanese car plant for U.K.: gain or loss?

By Kenneth Gooding

The prospect of Nissan setting up a £300 million plant to produce 200,000 Datsun cars in the U.K. each year has been welcomed by Mr. Norman Tebbit, Minister for Industry.

Mr. Tebbit said: "Surely it is better for the British people to buy Japanese cars made by British workers than to buy German cars assembled by Turks."

But the motor industry has been infuriated by this simplistic assessment of a highly complex problem and one of the most significant issues it has ever had to face.

It is an issue which is causing agonised discussion throughout the European motor industry, not just in Britain.

There is a widely held theory that the Japanese are ready to concentrate their main thrust in the motor industry on the component sector. They find advances in car exports to the major markets in the West blocked because penetration has gone about as far as can be politically tolerated.

Some Europeans who subscribe to the idea that Japan's industrial efforts are carefully co-ordinated by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry go so far as to suggest that the Japanese would like to make the world motor industry dependent on them for most key components. And they are

afraid the Nissan project might help bring that day closer.

So at the centre of the debate is the question: On what terms should we welcome the Japanese car makers to Britain and, via Britain, the EEC? There are many in the U.K. who would reply: On any terms at all.

Certainly the outlook for car making in the U.K. is pretty dismal unless it gets a healthy injection of new blood from someone like Nissan.

Vehicle output in Britain, which peaked at 1.9 million in 1973, might be as low as 850,000 this year, according to some forecasters. So it is not surprising that the component sector is suffering heavy losses, not only of jobs but of whole companies.

So, why not have the Japanese at any price, using BSC steel, Dunlop tyres, Triplex glass, and a British workforce?

The answer is that the Japanese have nearly wiped out the motor cycle, television, radio, calculator and many other electronics industries in the West and they could do the same to the car business if not held in check by political factors.

"The Japanese can now produce at a cost and in such quantities as to make the whole of the European car industry unviable," says Mr. Anthony Fraser, president of the CLCA (Comite de Liaison de la Construction Aut-

omobile pour les pays de la CEE), which includes all the European motor manufacturing associations.

The European manufacturers calculate that if Nissan established only an assembly operation in the U.K. and imported all major parts

A U.K.-based Nissan car plant would provide jobs for the unemployed. But will high-technology components still be imported from Japan, and will Europe's own car industry suffer greater competition?

from Japanese factories rather than buying them in the EEC, it could save £750 on each car. That would give the company the flexibility to choose between declaring outright price war, or making huge profits or something which combined a bit of both.

This frightens Ford in particular. Not only has Ford in the past developed the same kind of image as the Japanese — of a company which, while not in the forefront of technology, offers cars which combine reliability and value-for-money — it also knows that the car Nissan intends to produce in the U.K. will be a direct competitor for its best-selling Cortina.

Nissan has also stressed that it would expect the car it might produce in Britain, a 1.6 litre model in

one or two versions, to be additional to its imports. So it seems to be aiming for a market share of at least 15 per cent.

But the whole European industry would be affected by Nissan exports from Britain and, as Mr. Fraser points out, "No European

advantages, such as the supply of cheap components and sub-assemblies from smaller companies providing very low wages and poor working conditions, will result in a net loss of jobs in the U.K. because of its impact on other car manufacturers and the component industry. That is why the issue of local content is so important."

Nissan has already told the U.K. Government that the cars it will produce in Britain, if it goes ahead, will start with a 60 per cent European content rising to 80 per cent as soon as possible after full production is reached. But it did not specify how the percentage would be measured.

The Europeans are struggling to agree about what they should press for. Like Nissan they find themselves in a position where a major false step might prove disastrous. They fear that if they get the formula wrong Nissan might trundle in "a Trojan horse which could open us up to a flood of cheap components from Japan."

B.L., Ford and Renault have all suggested that Nissan should be asked to source at least 80 per cent of its car components measured by weight so as to overcome distortions which might arise from transfer pricing.

However, Mr. Fraser points out that this would encourage the Japanese to source heavy, low-technology items like castings in Europe.

From The Financial Times

China-Japan cooperation on oil well bears fruit

PEKING, May 15 (A.P.) — The first exploration well drilled under a Sino-Japanese cooperation plan in China's Bohai Sea is producing 1,000 tons of oil a day, the official Xinhua News Agency reported this week.

Xinhua said a spokesman for China's National Petroleum Corp. said the drilling opens broad prospects for oil and gas exploration in the Bohai Sea off China's northwestern province of Hebei.

China, its oil production declining, is counting on new discoveries to expand production for domestic needs and as means to earn foreign exchange.

Caracas to support OPEC price freeze

CARACAS, May 15 (R) — Venezuela will support an oil price freeze at the OPEC meeting in Geneva later this month, but action must be taken to match supply with demand, Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon Berti said today.

Mr. Calderon said that reduced demand meant that, if present trends continued, there would be an oil surplus of 1.2 million barrels a day this year.

The economic commission of OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) this month estimated current world demand at 47.5 million barrels a day (b/d), while OPEC countries were producing only 24 million b/d, compared with 31 million day in 1979, he said.

But the consumers had built up stocks of 5.5 billion barrels which were being eroded at the relatively negligible rate of million barrels a day, and as a result prices were falling. Fuel oil prices were 30 per cent less than in the last three months of 1980, Mr. Calderon noted.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, May 15 (R) — Government bonds were firmer but equities turned mixed, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 1.2 at 559.3. Trading continued thin today and, with little new time buying to push prices higher, the account ended on a mixed note, dealers added. Bowate was typical of the fluctuating market, opening 2p higher but closing 2 down at 250 after 248. ICI closed 2p down but Grand Met added 4p to 19 after 202 following satisfactory half-year results.

U.S. and Canadian shares were generally higher. Government bonds were firmer today. Some dealers attributed this to bear squeeze after recent weakness. Shorts were around ¼ point higher and selected long dates added up to ¼ point.

Australian banking shares continued to attract interest after ANZ and CBC announced merger discussions. CBC ended 50p higher at 408 but ANZ and National Bank of Australia, which has also been holding talks with CBC, fell 5p and 12p respectively.

William Collins, the subject of an offer from News International, added a further 5p and Thomas Tilling was a penny up after the annual meeting.

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FEATURES

Multinationals aim for Third World cigarette markets

ant multinational tobacco companies are al-
queezing the smaller national monopolies, so
ould have no trouble in dominating the fast-
g Third World markets. But UNCTAD obj-
their sales tactics.

David Churchill
the same — or slightly faster —
pace.
Every year, in fact, a market the
size of the U.K. (the fourth largest
in the non-communist world) is
added to world cigarette sales.
Against this global background
is the determination of the mul-
tinationals to increase further their stranglehold

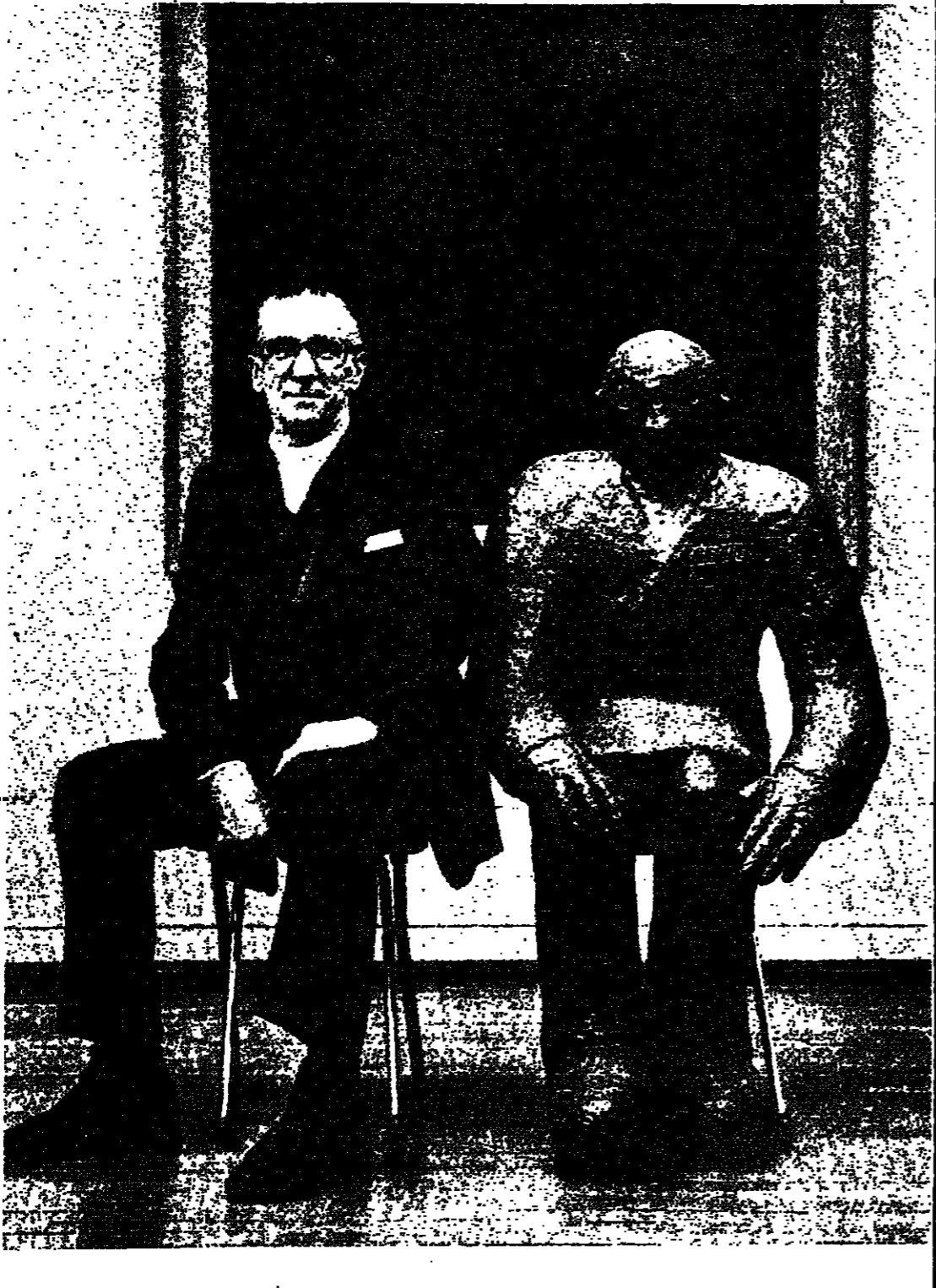
on worldwide sales.
Already some 58 per cent of the
non-communist world's cigarette
production is in the hands of just
six tobacco multinationals. If the
talks on a possible link-up between
Rothmans International and
R.J. Reynolds had succeeded then
then concentration would have
increased significantly.
The Rothmans-Reynolds tie-up
was aimed at strengthening the
two companies' positions in the
U.S. and Europe — but it is the
Third World countries of Africa
and the Far East that are the real
prize being sought by the mul-
tinationals.
Sales in the Third World are

only about a half of sales in the
industrialised countries (and
about 40 per cent of sales in the
Communist bloc). From this sma-
ller base, the growth rate over the
past seven years (13.8 per cent)
has been greater than that for the
developed countries and Commu-
nist markets combined (3.5 per
cent). Moreover, estimates for
Third World growth over the next
five years suggest a growth rate
three times that of the developed
countries.
Such Third World growth —
which looks especially attractive
against the maturing markets of
the developed countries — is based
on several factors.

These include the existing low
per capita cigarette consumption,
rising standards of living, a switch
from hand-rolled to machine-
made cigarettes, and the fact that
anti-smoking lobbies are virtually
non-existent (as yet) in the Third
World.
But the covetous way in which
the multinationals are viewing
Third World markets has already
come in for some criticism about
the abuse of multinational power.
The U.K. government, for ex-
ample, last year made clear its con-
cern that some multinationals
were exporting to Third World
countries higher tar cigarettes
than could be sold in Britain.
In addition, the Geneva-based
United Nations Conference on
Trade and Development (UNC-
TAD) has produced a detailed
report accusing the tobacco mul-
tinationals of widespread bribery
in overseas markets. (They spend
\$1.8 billion on advertising). The
report states that a major "com-
ponent of world tobacco market-
ing is global corporate bribery,
or the 'pay-off' complex involving
millions of dollars."
The multinationals' power over
the world cigarette markets is to
a certain extent hidden by the com-

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million more than in 1978.
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are keying touring ex-
with an eye to what appeals
meral public. (Photo: INP)



plex maze of financial con-
nections, leasing deals, and "ar-
rangements" that exist between the
multinationals in most countries.
For example, Gallaher, the second
largest U.K. cigarette man-
ufacturer which is owned by the
U.S. multinational American
Brands, sells Winston cigarettes in
Britain. But in the U.S. market
Winston is the second most popu-
lar brand and owned by rival
multinational R.J. Reynolds.
The world market for cigarettes
(based on production figures
which are generally more accurate
than consumption statistics) totals
approximately 4,350 billion ciga-
rettes. This is split three ways
with the developed countries re-
sponsible for 1,845 billion, the
communist countries some 1,530
billion, and the developing coun-
tries 975 billion.
More than half the world mar-
ket, excluding the Communist
countries, is controlled by just six
multinationals — BAT, Philip
Morris, R.J. Reynolds, Rothmans
International, and the Rupert
empire, American Brands, and
Imperial Tobacco. In fact, there
are only five true multinationals,
since Imperial's tobacco sales are
virtually all in the U.K., a market

GOREN BRIDGE

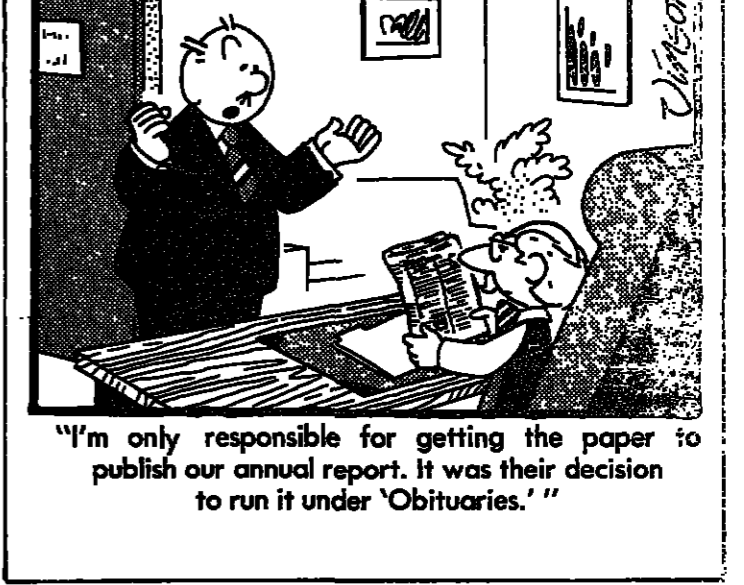
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DEAR MR. GOREN

Q.—We nearly came to
blows the other night as a
result of this auction:
North East South West
Pass 1 ♠ 3 ♥ Db. 10
Rdb. Pass Pass Pass
The carnage was frightful
—we were vulnerable. My
partner, a Life Master, con-
tended that the redouble was
for takeout. He called it a
"SOS rescue" bid requiring
me to bid the better of the
two unbid suits. I had never
heard of this. Do I owe him
an apology, or should I ask
him to pay my losses?
—L. Allen, West Palm
Beach, Fla.

(This question has been
awarded the weekly prize)
A.—Many years ago some
experts introduced the "SOS
Redouble" into the game, and
unwary partners have been
paying for it ever since! It
has been accepted and is
quite valuable in certain
cases, but I have never heard
of it being used after partner
has made a preemptive bid.
I find it hard to construct a
hand where North would
pass in first seat and then be
prepared to play at a high
level in a suit where partner
might hold no more than a
singleton! If West's action
was for penalties, there
seems to be no logical mean-
ing for the redouble. To
satisfy myself, I polled six ex-
perts on the meaning of a
redouble in the sequence you
described. The vote was:
Doesn't exist — 4; Misheard
the bidding — 1; Don't ask me —
1. Let's analyze why we don't
think the redouble can be for
takeout. If North has twelve
cards in the unbid suits, he
must assume that his partner
has some club length — West's

double suggests shortness in
the suit bid by his partner.
Therefore, North should play
his partner for ten or eleven
cards in hearts and clubs.
Thus, there is no reason to
suppose that either of
North's suits will provide a
safer haven than hearts, a
suit in which South is known
to hold seven cards, and
when the level might be
higher.
Above all, your tragedy
highlights something I have
always stressed; Don't in-
troduce a conventional bid
into the auction unless you
have fully discussed it with
your partner. If you do, the
catastrophe you will inevi-
tably suffer will be on your
head.
Q. In a game of bridge the
other night, we had an argu-
ment. I claimed my bid was
"Goren," and my partner
retorted that no one plays
Goren anymore — everyone
plays Standard American.
Are you a figment of our
imagination? — R. Chorlton,
Stamford, Conn.
A.—Not at all. To say the
least, I am quite substantial.
I never claimed to have
invented a "System." I mere-
ly described methods that
proved successful with
millions of players. I have
found that, no matter where
I go, I can always fit into a
game because everywhere
there are players who play
the way I do. The methods I
described in my books are
sometimes referred to as
"Goren."
"Standard American" is a
very nebulous term. Did your
partner mean "Eastern Stan-
dard," "Western Standard,"
"Bridge World Standard,"
"Standard International" or
what? There are almost as
many versions of "standard"
Americans as there are cards
in the pack!

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THERE ARE A LOT OF TROUBLES IN THE WORLD TODAY...
PLAYING BASEBALL HELPS TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF THEM
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I THINK I'D RATHER WORRY ABOUT THE TROUBLES IN THE WORLD

IF ONLY I COULD FIND OUT WHO SHE IS, RUBIE
MEBBE IF YOU LOOKED IN 'IS DIARY — WHAT DIARY?
THE DIARY ME AN' CHALKIE BOUGHT 'IM FOR CHRISTMAS
RUBIE, DEAR, ONLY GOOD 'LINS KEEP DIARIES — BAD 'LINS NEVER 'AVE THE TIME

tt 'n' Jeff

ACE DRYCLEANER
LET US MOTHPROOF AND STORE YOUR FURS AND WOOLENS FOR THE SUMMER
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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
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Answer here: _____
Yesterday's Jumbles: LADLE POISE AVOWAL ERMINE
Answer: Protection when about to do "dirty work." — OVERALLS

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IRA bids last farewell to martyr 'Frankie' as 'Prots' bury their dead

BELLAGHY, Northern Ireland, May 15 (A.P.) — Police and troops ringed this village and an estimated 10,000 mourners packed country lanes and watched from fields as an IRA military funeral began for hunger striker Francis Hughes.

In Belfast, thousands of other mourners turned out for the funerals of three persons — a Protestant milkman, a nationalist guerrilla and a teen-age Roman Catholic girl — killed in rioting since the death of Mr. Hughes last Tuesday and fellow hunger-striker Bobby Sands on May 5.

Police denied entry to vehicles to this mixed Protestant-Catholic village 40 miles northwest of Belfast and ordered the funeral procession to take a back route from the Hughes' family home to the parish church some 1 1/2 miles distant.

In drizzle and wind, three masked Irish Republican Army men, wearing camouflage uniforms, black berets and dark glasses fired the traditional IRA three-volley salute over Mr. Hughes' coffin at the front gate of the family farmstead.

The body of Mr. Hughes, 25, who died in the Maze prison after a 59-day fast, had been taken in a hearse down the farmyard driveway from the farmstead after a two-day wake.

An army helicopter clattered overhead as thousands of mourners fell in behind the coffin, flanked by a six-man IRA honour guard, moved off to St. Mary's Parish Church for a requiem mass and burial in the churchyard, near where Mr. Hughes, the ninth of 10 children, was born.

Six IRA women, wearing black leather coats formed a line behind the honour guard.

The coffin, draped with the Irish tricolour and with IRA uniform black beret and gloves atop, was carried by six pallbearers, headed by Mr. Hughes' father, Paddy Joe, a 73-year-old farmer, and several of his brothers.

Shops in the village of some 800 persons were shuttered and black flags fluttered from many homes. Because of the security cordon, many mourners, who flocked in by

bus and car, had to walk several miles to the Hughes home.

Some 50 women mourners near the head of the procession carried wreaths, some H-shaped in reference to the H-shaped blocks and the Maze where Mr. Hughes, starved himself to death demanding that Britain grant political status to jailed nationalist guerrillas.

Earlier, police refused to release Mr. Hughes' body from Belfast mortuary for seven hours, until his family agreed to take the guerrilla's remains direct to their home at Bellaghy, where he was raised with nine other children on a small farm.

Even after the family agreed — leaving 5,000 IRA supporters angered in the streets — there was trouble.

The hearse, escorted by about 15 police cars and motorcycles on its journey Wednesday night, was halted briefly by anti-IRA demonstrators about a kilometre from the Belfast mortuary where the body had lain. The crowd, waving British Union Jack flags, pelted the hearse with stones and police had to restrain IRA sympathisers. The hearse resumed its journey undamaged.

The coffin eventually arrived in Bellaghy early yesterday, draped in an Irish tricolour.

In Belfast, several thousand mourners followed in fog and rain the coffin of Mr. Eric Guinay, 45, a Protestant milkman fatally injured with his teenage-age son in rioting Catholic West Belfast a few hours after Mr. Sands was buried. Mr. Guinay's grief-stricken widow, Roberta, 39, who buried her son two days ago, could walk only a few yards behind the coffin, before being helped into a Limousine.

In a service broadcast by loudspeaker for the benefit of mourners on the streets outside the packed St. Comgall's Parish Church, Bishop Arthur Butler of the Protestant Church of Ireland

deplored the "grotesque" situation in which, he said, "The murderer receives more support and sympathy than those he murdered."

He was evidently referring to the massive publicity and huge turnout at the IRA funeral for Mr. Sands last week.

"It is a grim commentary on the fearful situation in our province, and throughout the world at this time, where evil appears to have taken over command of the world situation," the bishop said.

IISS predicts Soviets will invade Poland if everything else fails

LONDON, May 15 (R) — The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) predicted today that the Soviet Union would invade Poland if all other measures to re-establish full communist control should fail.

The London-based independent research centre, in its annual strategic survey, said instability in Eastern Europe was the most obvious sign of the Soviet Union's long-term vulnerabilities, and the outcome of the crisis in Poland was still uncertain.

The survey said: "For the security of Europe and perhaps beyond, the most significant event of the year was the crisis of the communist regime in Poland which led to the formation of a workers' movement not controlled by the Communist Party."

"If the Polish experiment were to succeed, the impact on communist regimes all over Europe would be profound," the institute added.

The Soviet Union saw the danger in Poland above all in ideological terms, according to the institute.

The Soviet Union's main worry was that an ideologically unacceptable group, the free trade unions, had achieved a degree of real power in Poland, the survey said.

The institute said the dilemma for the Soviet Union was profound. "There was little doubt that if all other measures to re-establish communist control in Poland should fail, she would not flinch from the option of military occupation."

One of the most obvious risks was the possibility that the Polish armed forces would resist, or at least not cooperate, in the event of Soviet military intervention, the institute said.

The survey asked: "What if the Polish forces, with well-equipped and trained divisions, were, at least in part, to fight back against a Soviet invasion?"

The conflict could spread through Eastern Europe, "or at least there would be manifestations of unrest and opposition elsewhere."

It's Romania's turn to go up into space

MOSCOW, May 15 (A.P.) — Romanian cosmonaut Dumitru Prunariu and his veteran Soviet spacecraft commander, Leonid Popov, raced today toward a rendezvous with the Soyuz 6 space station in the first Soviet space launching since the American shuttle flight in April.

The crew was expected to link up their Soyuz 40 space capsule early tomorrow with the Soyuz 6 lab, where Soviet cosmonauts Vladimir Kovalyov and Viktor Savinykh have been working since March 14.

Mr. Prunariu, 28, who took a sample of Romanian earth into orbit, with him as a souvenir, is one of the youngest men ever launched into space. The Soviet press said he and Mr. Popov, 36, make up the youngest two-some ever to fly from the socialist countries. Czechoslovak cosmonaut Vladimir Remek was 29 when he flew with a Soviet mission commander in 1978.

The launching of Mr. Prunariu and Mr. Popov at 1717 GMT yesterday marked the end of the first phase of the "Interkosmos" space series, organised by the Soviet Union and its socialist allies.

Since March 1978, Soviet spacemen have gone aloft with cosmonauts from Czechoslovakia, Mongolia, Vietnam, Cuba, East Germany, Poland and Bulgaria, in addition to the Romanian on the latest flight.

Soviet authorities have offered no explanation for the order in which other socialist cosmonauts have been launched. Some Western analysts believe Romania came last because of the independent-minded foreign policy of Romanian leader Nicolae Ceausescu, whose policies — including opposition to the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia — have sometimes antagonised Soviet officials.

Six charged in abortive gun-running to S. Africa

HOUSTON, May 15 (R) — Two Britons and four Austrians have been charged with violating the U.S. neutrality act in what authorities described as the biggest international gun-running scheme ever infiltrated by American agents.

The six were arrested on Tuesday night when federal agents raided a chartered Boeing 707 jetliner at Houston airport and seized more than \$1 million worth of weapons.

Authorities told reporters after the raid that the 2,200 guns, rifles and grenade launchers aboard the plane were apparently destined for South Africa.

In Houston's federal court yesterday the Britons — Peter Thomas Towers, 51, and John Parks, 43 — said they were Royal Air Force veterans acting as consultants for Servo-Tech, a firm based in Liechtenstein.

But customs agents said the pair

ETA at it again

BILBAO, Spain, May 15 (R) — Two Spanish Civil Guards were killed and another injured when a bomb laid by suspected Basque guerrillas exploded beside their jeep at Lemona, near Bilbao, police sources said.

The guardsmen were escorting a consignment of explosives to a local quarry and received the full blast from the bomb.

Earlier suspected gunmen from the separatist organisation ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty) shot and wounded a policeman at Hernani near San Sebastian when he approached their car for an identity check.

The gunmen escaped on foot despite a tight police cordon around the town and house-to-house searches.

'Non-exportable' items in Aeroflot

U.S. admits it was 'smoke without fire'

WASHINGTON, May 15 (R) — The United States has admitted that a controversial search of a Moscow-bound Soviet airliner by American officials in Washington on Tuesday night revealed only minor paperwork violations.

The incident sparked an angry Soviet protest and the official Soviet news agency TASS has charged that the boarding amounted to an officially sanctioned act of international terrorism.

But Acting Commissioner of Customs William Archey yesterday defended the search as necessary to check out a tip that high technology items were being exported against U.S. law.

He said the United States owed Moscow no apology and three crates of confiscated cargo, including commercial electronic equipment, would be returned.

Mr. Archey denied Soviet claims that the Aeroflot jet had been damaged, its crew roughed up and personal baggage, including that of diplomats, had been searched.

Customs and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) agents boarded and searched the Aeroflot aircraft at Dulles International Airport because they suspected it carried cargo not authorised for export.

They seized and detained three separate boxes of cargo, including commercial electronic equipment.

Mr. Archey said investigation had shown there was "no substantial violation" involving any of the items and all would be returned as soon as proper paperwork was completed.

But he said warnings would be issued to Amtorg, the Soviet trading company and a second unidentified shipper despite the admittedly minor nature of the violations.

Indignant Soviet officials in Washington held their own news conference yesterday.

They contended the airliner was damaged by the searchers, the crew roughed up, and personal baggage, including some belonging to Soviet diplomats, searched.

They also insisted the whole operation was unnecessary because the cargo had been available to customs for three days.

Mr. Archey contradicted all these points. He said the search "was handled in a professional way, well within our rights and well within the laws of the United States."

In related developments, the U.S. embassy in Moscow has accused the Soviet Union of making distorted allegations over the search of the airliner in Washington and said it has sent a diplomat to explain Washington's position to the Soviet foreign ministry.

A statement issued by the U.S. embassy said a diplomat went to the foreign ministry today to reject the Soviet protest.

"The wildly exaggerated and deliberately misleading public accounts of the search given by the Soviet press and officials are obviously an effort by the Soviets to convert this lawful customs examination into an international incident," the statement said.

Shahi, Rao to meet in June

ISLAMABAD, May 15 (A.P.) — Foreign Ministers of India and Pakistan will hold talks in early June on deteriorating relations between the two countries, the Pakistani foreign ministry has announced.

Indian Foreign Minister Narasimha Rao is scheduled to arrive in Islamabad on June 8. The trip is to return a visit by Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi to India

in July 1980, officials said.

The India-Pakistan talks will assume added significance as they follow a visit by Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Zhiyang, who will be in Pakistan from June 1.

The relations between Islamabad and Delhi deteriorated over the last several months after U.S. President Ronald Reagan's administration decided to sell arms to Pakistan.

SPORTS NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. Baseball Roundup

NEW YORK, May 15 (A.P.) — Unbeaten Matt Keough hit New York to one hit over seven innings while Dave McKnight drove in two runs and Cliff Johnson homered as the Oakland A's held on to edge the New York Yankees 5-4 Wednesday night. Keough, 6-0, held the Yankees hitless until Willie Randolph slugged a one-out double in the sixth inning. The Oakland right hander was knocked out in the eighth when the Yankees scor four runs, two on Reggie Jackson's 414th career homer and four this season. McKay drove in two runs with a double in the seventh inning and a sacrifice fly in the fifth and Johnson hit his seventh homer of the season in the fifth off Tommy John. In other American League action, Texas at Kansas City was postponed by rain. Scott McGregor hurled a three-hit shutout and John Lowenstein drove in two runs, one his first homer of the season, as Baltimore beat Toronto 4-0. Rick Peters singled home the game's only run, the bottom of the ninth to support Dan Peter's three-hit pitch as Detroit nipped Seattle 1-0. Carl Yastrzemski's first homer of the year, a three-run shot in the third inning, paced Boston to Minnesota 9-2, and Bobby Grich lines a two-run homer to spark four-run fifth inning and Don Baylor drove in two runs, leading California to a 6-3 victory over Milwaukee. Don Sutton gained first shutout in a Houston uniform with a five-hitter and Art Howe slugged his third homer of the season to lead the Astros past Louis 3-0. George Foster drove in three runs with a homer and sacrifice fly and Tom Seaver hurled a five-hitter as Cincinnati pounded the Chicago Cubs 8-3. Milt May stroked a two-run double in the second inning and Darrell Evans hit a three-run homer in the third, carrying San Francisco to a 5-2 victory over Philadelphia, and Tony Pena's two-run single in the 13th inning gave Pittsburgh a 7-5 victory over Atlanta. In NL night action Dave Concepcion supplied the timely hitting as the Cincinnati Reds defeated the Chicago Cubs 6-1. Orlando Sanchez's R ground ball capped a four-run ninth-inning rally that lifted the St. Louis Cardinals to a 7-6 triumph over the Houston Astros. In the AL, Mike Flanagan hurled a five-hitter in shutting Toronto to for the second time in two weeks and Wayne Krenchick led 17-hit attack by driving in three runs as the Baltimore Orioles trounced the Blue Jays 10-0. Dave Winfield drove in the tie-breaking run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth inning and Regg Jackson walloped an insurance three-run homer as the New York Yankees defeated the Oakland A's 9-5. Pat Putnam lashed tie-breaking solo home run in the eighth inning to give the Texas Rangers a 3-2 victory over the Kansas City Royals behind a six-hit pitching of Doc Medich and two relievers. Rain postponed the Seattle-Detroit game. In the National League, Rookie Chel Welch pitched a seven-hitter for his first major league shutout as Ruppert Jones doubled home two runs as San Diego beat the New York Mets 5-0. Ron Cey's two-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning propelled Los Angeles past Montreal 8-6. The Expos had scored five runs in the top of the inning.

King and Turnbull defeated

TOKYO, May 15 (A.P.) — American Pam Shriver defeated Veteran Billie Jean King 7-5, 7-1 in a first round women's match today and moved into the semifinals of the \$200,000 Gun World tennis tournament. Earlier, West Germany's Bettina Baur beat Australian veteran Wendy Turnbull 6-4, 6-1 in another first round match at Tokyo metropolitan gymnasium. The 18-year-old Shriver, who will meet fellow American Tracy Austin in one tomorrow's semifinals, said: "I played well enough today to win, have to play better tomorrow to advance into the finals." With both players keeping their services. Bunge went ahead 5-2, but asking the Australian's service. But, the 28-year-old Turnbull made a strong comeback by winning two points to make it 5-4. For moment it appeared the Australian veteran might overtake with her fine net play and passing shots.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Youths wound Naples councilman

NAPLES, May 15 (A.P.) — Four youths who said they were members of the Red Brigades wounded a Christian Democrat city councilman in the right leg today, police reported.

Three young men and a woman threatened Mr. Rosario Giovinetti, 52, with a knife as he left his house to go to work. When the politician saw the knife and stopped, they said, "We're from the Red Brigades." They photographed him, then one of the youths pulled out a pistol and shot him twice in the leg.

The youths stole a Fiat 127 that was sitting on the street near Mr. Giovinetti's house and sped away. Mr. Giovinetti was taken to Cardarelli Hospital, where doctors said he would recover within 10 days.

The Marxist Red Brigades urban guerrilla group kidnapped a Christian Democrat regional councilman in a Naples suburb on April 27 and is still holding him captive.

Soviet defector off to Munich

VALLETTA, May 15 (R) — A Soviet merchant navy doctor who defected to the American embassy in Malta on Jan. 27 and has been there ever since left yesterday afternoon on a plane bound for Munich, the U.S. embassy said in a statement. It said the man, Dr. Badri Chelidze, had left for a European country where his case could be processed by the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees pending final settlement. The embassy also said he had earlier had separate meetings with representatives of the Maltese government and of the Soviet Union at the American embassy. The Maltese government sought an interview to confirm that the man wanted to defect.

Haig backs freedom for Shcharansky

WASHINGTON, May 15 (R) — Secretary of State Alexander Haig supports U.S. Senate demands that the Soviet Union free imprisoned dissident Anatoly Shcharansky and permit him to emigrate to Israel, the State Department said yesterday. Mr. Haig told Mrs. Avital Shcharansky, the imprisoned man's wife, that he would send a copy of the Senate demands to Soviet leaders by way of their Washington embassy. Mrs. Shcharansky in a visit with Mr. Haig told of "the suffering of her husband under his harsh conditions of incarceration and expressed fears for his welfare." The department said. The Senate adopted a resolution on Tuesday saying Mr. Shcharansky's health had deteriorated to the point where his life was threatened.

Lennon's killer to be tried June 1

NEW YORK, May 15 (R) — A judge has ordered Mark David Chapman, the accused killer of ex-Beatle John Lennon, to go on trial here on June 1. The judge overruled the objections of Chapman's attorney that he needed more time to prepare "this complicated case." Chapman, 25, is accused of gunning down Lennon in front of the musician's New York apartment block last Dec. 8. He has pleaded not guilty to murdering Lennon by reason of insanity.

John Lennon